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"A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others. He does not set out to be a leader, but becomes one by the equality of his actions and the integrity of his intent." -Douglas McArthur

FYI- All AGR Soldiers set to mobilize with a unit or as an individual must out-process through the AGR office to ensure information accuracy in the following areas: Finance, DEERS, and SIDPERS. It is also crucial to ensure you in-process back through the AGR office upon redeployment.

WHAT'S NEW?

The Army is preparing to introduce a [new body armor vest](#) that replaces the current vest fielded in the 1990's. The vest offers more protection from bullets and shrapnel, weighs 3 pounds less (compared to the 30 pound vest currently being used), and offers 11 different sizes unique to each Soldier. The vest is also reportedly more comfortable, resting on the waist rather than the shoulders, and is said to keep the Soldier cooler under the weight of the armor. No release date has been announced yet, but Soldiers currently deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan will receive priority of issue.

New Hires

SPC Chelsie Vargas-
WAATS
SSG Rachel Baldwin-
R&R
SGT Angela Stearns-
198th RSG



ABC15 Reports on the
[1-285th AVN BN.](#)



QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Q : I became an AGR Soldier 6 months ago. How long do I need to stay in my current position before I am eligible for reassignment?

A : Your initial period of duty is 18 months within the job position you were hired for. During this time period you may not elect to be reassigned or apply for new AGR positions unless otherwise determined necessary to the success of the organization and approved by the AGR Manager. The AGR stabilization policy was initially intended to help minimize the risk to AGR Soldiers of involuntary reassignments early in their initial tour. However, it is also designed to give the chain of command the benefit of a realistic expectation of keeping the same staff in place long enough to benefit the organization, not just the individual. You can find more detailed information within your AGR Certificate of Agreement and Understanding that you signed during your in-processing.

Featured Links

Reconnect America-
<http://reconnectamerica.com/giveback/>

Command Post-
<http://www.armysurplusworld.com/>

Military Pay Tables-
<http://www.dod.mil/dfas/militarypay/2006militarypaytables.html>

U.S. Army Human Resources
Command-
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/indexflash.asp>



ATTENTION:

If you request leave for Friday and Monday and are not present for duty during the weekend, all days from Friday-Monday are considered chargeable per AR 600-8-10.

FEATURED WEBSITE

<http://www.defenselink.mil/>

This is the official website of the United States Department of Defense, your one-stop shop for military news and links. Read about the Heroes of the Global War on Terror, listed by [state](#), to include Arizona. They also offer [podcast](#) downloads from the Pentagon Channel featuring a variety of interviews, stories, and videos all about the military and our current missions. If you're more interested in images be sure to visit the [Photo Essays](#) section that includes amazing photos from around the globe. Check out 'Freedom Journal Iraq' and 'Freedom Watch Afghanistan,' from the Pentagon Channel showing Soldiers performing down range. The feed has daily videos showing progress within the Iraq and Afghanistan infrastructure, views of specific MOS's in relation to the Global War on Terror, personal accounts from Soldiers of their lives and living conditions during war, and more. This is a must-see website for the most current military and political issues.



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AGR Announcements:
<http://www.azguard.gov/hro/agr.htm>

Deployment Corner

Military OneSource offers a variety of links and helpful resources for helping you and your loved ones at home cope with your deployment. The site includes advice for everything from the mobilization period to the redeployment process when you return home. It provides information on communicating with your family, building a relationship, dealing with combat stress, child care planning and more. They even offer telephonic and in-person counseling 24/7. Visit the [deployment](#) link at Military OneSource for more details.

Have a website, link, or question that you think should be featured in next month's AGR Newsletter? Send your suggestions to: tiffany.fisher@us.army.mil.